

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

September 20, 2000

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Citizens Communications Company of Tennessee
Citizens Communications Company of the Volunteer State
Post Office Box 770
Bluefield, West Virginia 24701

IN RE: Universal Service for Rural Areas - The Generic Docket

Docket No. 00-00523

Any party in the above-styled matter desiring to file objections or comments regarding the attached Petition to Intervene filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on August 7, 2000, must file such with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority no later than **noon on Friday, September 22, 2000**, in order to be considered by the Hearing Officer.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.


Director Melvin J. Malone,
Hearing Officer

Attachment



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August 7, 2000

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Leave to Intervene. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record for all parties.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*

Docket No. 00-00523

**PETITION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310 and T.C.A. §65-2-107, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Petitioner, a Georgia Corporation authorized to conduct and conducting a public utility business in the state of Tennessee, is engaged in furnishing exchange telephone service and intrastate (long distance) intraLATA telephone service in the state of Tennessee subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority and pursuant to T.C.A. §65-4-101 and T.C.A. §65-5-201, *et seq.*
2. The Authority recently convened this proceeding. Noting the "breakdown" of the intraLATA toll settlement process between BellSouth and the Rural Carriers, the Authority ordered BellSouth to inform the Authority of any future changes in the intraLATA toll settlement agreements between BellSouth and the Rural Companies.
3. Petitioner has a direct interest in the settlement payments it makes to and receives from the Rural Companies for intraLATA toll traffic.
4. Petitioner's legal interests may be determined in the proceedings and Petitioner's interests will not be adequately represented unless the Authority allows the Petitioner to intervene.

5. Allowing Petitioner to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

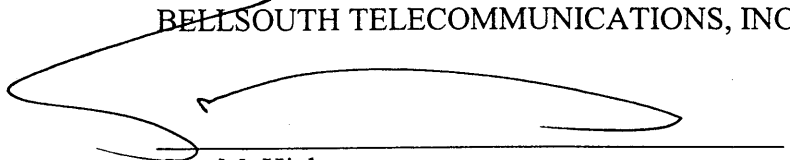
6. Petitioner respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party.
2. That Petitioner have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy M. Hicks', is written over a horizontal line.

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